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THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1900.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR CONGRESSMEN.

First District.....Charles Curtis, Topeka
Fourth District.....J. M. Miller, Council Grove
Fifth District.....W. A. Calderhead, Marysville
Sixth District.....W. A. Reeder, Logan

Will Hoon and D. E. Snider will add strength to the board of education. Both are good men.

H. L. Humphrey has verified the adage about trying again—and this time he won. He will make a good city attorney.

The Republican sweep in Abilene yesterday shows what can be done in Abilene and in Dickinson county if Republicans will all vote the Republican ticket.

Dickinson county's interest in good roads is highly commendable. The better the highway the shorter the farmer's journey to market. Keep up the good work.

Senator Beveridge: Most soldiers have Bibles. I would venture the belief that the immense majority of soldiers whom I met in the Philippines had a Bible, or at least a Testament.

The only effective argument Mr. Pettigrew can use on the South Dakota voters is to point out the advantage to be secured by having him absent from the state while congress is in session.

One lone man held up an entire train in the suburbs of Omaha the other day. This seems to be the fashion in Nebraska. The entire Democratic party is being held up by a lone Nebraska man.

The production of silver in the United States in 1899 was 57,700,000 ounces, as compared with 54,390,000 in 1898 and 53,860,000 in 1897. This was a considerable increase in production with no advance in price to stimulate it.

Wichita Eagle: At a recent Kansas convention one aspirant received 97 votes for a nomination and another, a man named Tugg, received 22. After the ballot was completed Mr. Tugg arose and said: "The corpse moves to make it unanimous."

Marshal Favor, City Clerk Wyandt, Street Commissioner Powell and Assessor Lips smile and smile and smile. They are fortune's favorites with naught to alarm or make afraid. What care they whether their offices are appointive or elective!

J. E. Brewer and F. J. Murphy are to be congratulated on the splendid endorsement given them by the Second and Third wards for their work on the board of education. They have endeavored to serve their constituents well and the handsome majorities by which they were re-elected show that their course has been entirely approved by their constituents.

The money circulation of the country, which was \$1,509,725,290 on July 1, 1896, had increased to \$2,002,981,791 on March 1, 1900. This was a gain of nearly five hundred million dollars in three years and a half. Of this increase \$295,150,584 was in gold coin and gold certificates. During the same length of time, what could the free silverites have done if they had secured control of the government?

Penitentiary Twine.

The last legislature made provision for the establishment of a twine plant at the state penitentiary. In compliance with the act, the board of directors, after having carefully investigated the different plants and the machinery in the market, let contracts in May for the machinery which the manufacturers agreed to furnish by early fall. Many things interfered so that the machinery could not be made, tested and accepted until the middle of January and the output of the plant for this year's harvest will be limited to about five months. Since the acceptance of the machinery, the plant has been in continuous operation and will furnish about one million pounds for delivery by June 15th. The twine is put in sacks containing ten balls weighing five pounds each and no package will be broken for shipment.

The closing of the Philippine ports for several months caused an extraordinary demand for Manila hemp from rope manufacturers and there will be no Manila twine on the market this year. The penitentiary output has been pure Sisal, but standard twine will be furnished if there is sufficient demand to justify its manufacture.

No agents will be employed and the output will be sold directly to the farmers in not less than one hundred pound lots. Under the law, preference will be given to orders from Kansas farmers and no twine will be sold to other states at the present time.

The statement has been made in some newspapers that the penitentiary twine would be sold at ten cents; but this statement was unauthorized. The price was not fixed until the meeting of the directors on March 27th and is ten and one-half cents per pound free on board cars at Lansing. Printed applications can be had by addressing the warden at Lansing, Kansas, and each purchaser will be required to state in his order the number of acres of grain to be harvested and that the twine is for his individual use. Cash must accompany the order and remittance may be made by draft, postoffice or express money order payable to the order of J. B. Tomlinson, Warden.

Orders will be filled in rotation as received and no orders will be considered prior to April 10th.

There is no objection to several farmers clubbing together, sending one remittance covering all the orders and having the shipment made to one party; but each party must sign separate order.

Does the REFLECTOR want any more proof regarding the deception practiced by the Farmers Mutual Hail Association upon the farmers of Dickinson county?—(Chronicle.)

The REFLECTOR has not seen any "proof" yet. You alleged that you knew of an insurance company that was a "fraud" and after a while published a letter from Dave Overmeyer who simply says he left the above-named company because it would not allow him to make disposition of the profits as he wanted, which was probably good business judgment on its part. This paper has no desire to advertise any business not legitimate and none would be more glad to have any such exposed. We have published the advertisements of the above company because its local agent, Mr. Byrne, is a responsible man and because persons we trusted have endorsed the managers. The Chronicle after much bluster has failed to prove a single instance that shows the company to be illegitimate in its methods, even Mr. Overmeyer makes no such charge, and we are still waiting for its proof. Grunts from people who could not secure advertising or a special share of the profits are not "proof." If the company is not trustworthy we want to know it.

Thomas M. Jones, James A. Wilkie and T. H. Malott had the approving seal of the city put on their work as councilmen and have reason to be proud of it. Abilene has a level-headed, capable and progressive council and it will continue the excellent work it has been carrying on so well.

Bishop Potter willingly and manfully acknowledges he was wrong in his opposition to expansion. The opinion of a man who has the courage to admit his errors is much more valuable than that of the person who stubbornly sticks to a mistake.

The attached territory has two good men on the school board, N. C. Dyer and J. R. VanVoorst. Mr. Dyer was re-elected and Mr. VanVoorst elected, both with little opposition. The attached territory is peaceable land now to what it used to be.

Taking the Census.

Dickinson county will soon have enumerators in the work of taking the census and the number applying is at least three times as many as the number of places to be filled. However, not enough competent men have been approved to do the work, which must be completed rapidly and also accurately. The applications must be made by candidates, who are required to fill out a trial sheet with this application, and these are forwarded to the department for inspection and approval or rejection. There are over a hundred to be appointed in the Fifth district, and the work of selecting competent men is arduous. There are about fifty thousand in all in the United States, and in the country districts more time is given to get started than anywhere else. The questions asked are numerous, and the work difficult, but the pay is liberal for the short time required. Everything must be accurate and confirmed.

Farmers, as a class, do not keep their accounts as well as manufacturers, and the returns from farmers may occasionally include serious errors, which a trained eye will at once detect. Hence the farm schedule must be examined and such errors corrected before the tables can be made up from them with safety. If a farmer reports that his land sown to wheat was ten acres and the yield 4,000 bushels, it is clear that an average yield of 400 bushels to the acre is incredible and must be rejected or corrected in accordance with the probabilities. Sometimes the truth can be made out by an expert from comparison with entries in other parts of the schedules; sometimes correspondence must be opened to settle the doubt. All this ranks under the general head of verifying the schedules, and all the time possible to the work of veri-schedules. To accomplish this in the time allowed, the work of several hundred clerks will be required, and they must have hard and fast rules to guide them. For example, they might be told: When the wheat reports show a product of over forty bushels to the acre they are suspicious and must be laid aside for an expert to pass upon. But any such rules must vary with the section of the country. A yield of twenty bushels in one section might be more questionable than a yield of forty bushels in another. Hence the division must be fixed in advance what is the range of reports in each part of the country and for each crop that may be accepted as probable on their face and not requiring special examination. To get the limits of probability for this purpose for each county in the United States, that is, the maximum and minimum yield and the maximum and minimum price which may be accepted without verification, is the object of an extensive correspondence now being carried on by the bureau. Three simple schedules have been prepared and printed on different colored paper in order that they may be readily distinguished one from the other. One of them covers ordinary garden vegetables, a second covers fruits, and the third the great staple field crops. Each asks about the units of measure employed and the net price realized and the two more important schedules, those for staple field products and for vegetables, ask for the highest and lowest yield of each crop per acre. These schedules are being mailed to prominent farmers all over the country and in many instances returns have already been received. Then the returns scheme will be made from them of what is to be accepted as correct in each case and what is to be probed farther. The only aim of the office is to get what was really the intention of the farmer in answering the questions. If the presumption is strongly against his meaning what the schedule says, the office will try to learn by correspondence from the supervisor or the enumerator, or the farmer himself, what the real facts were.

The Republican party will receive valuable assistance this year from the good Orator Puff who speaks from the top of the factory smoke-stack.

This unobtrusive little item appeared in several thousand papers yesterday: ALTOONA, Pa., April 2.—The new scale for mining bituminous coal went into effect today and 5,000 miners in this section are now receiving the highest wages in 30 years.

The prosperity of Republican national administration of affairs is very positive and real and reaches throughout all classes of laborers.

CONVENTION HALL GONE

KANSAS CITY'S FAMOUS STRUCTURE BURNED.

Second Presbyterian Church and Other Property Adjacent to the Hall Destroyed—Loss Over Half a Million.

Special to the Reflector.

KANSAS CITY, April 4.—Convention hall, where the National Democratic convention was to meet next July, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The origin is not known. The flames spread rapidly amid the woodwork of the interior and the fire department was helpless.

The Second Presbyterian church adjacent to the hall and other valuable property were destroyed. Loss over \$500,000.

Convention hall was dedicated a little more than a year ago and was one of the handsomest halls in the country. Its destruction will probably cause a change in the place of the convention.

The fire started at 1:15 over the furnace. Inside of half an hour the Commercial club had a subscription started to rebuild the hall at once.

Funeral of Dr. Hewett.

Emporia Gazette: The funeral services over the remains of the late Dr. M. H. Hewett were held at the residence, 501 State street, at 10 o'clock this morning. "Lead Kindly Light" was the anthem opening the service. It was sung by an octette composed of Mrs. Chas. Harris, Misses Martha McCabe, Retta Gapen and Aechah Harris and Messrs. E. N. Evans, Chas. A. Boyle, Avery Dudley and Frank O'Neil. Dr. Blayney, of the College, spoke of the career of his deceased friend, brother and companion and paid a fitting tribute to a noble life. "Saved by Grace," a song touching a sympathetic cord, was sung by the octette. Rev. F. J. Sauber of the First Presbyterian church addressed words of comfort to the loved ones of the dead. The closing song was "Sometime We'll Understand." Flowers were brought in abundance as tokens of love and respect. The body, accompanied by Mrs. Hewett and Clifton, was taken to Morris, Ill., where the interment will be made tomorrow morning.

Nursery Stock for Sale.

10,000 apple trees, price from \$4.00 to \$7.00 per hundred; 1,400 apricots, from \$4.00 to \$15.00 per hundred; also grapes, mulberries, plums and a large assortment of evergreens, all sizes, price from 15 cents up.

Cheever township, section 26, 4 miles south of Industry.

30-3 C. H. AUMACK.

Advertised Letters.

The following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Abilene postoffice for the week ending Mar. 31, 1900. Have your mail addressed to your box number and it will be promptly delivered.

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Brooks, M. H. Bricelandine, J. W.
Burton, John M. Campbell, H. W.
Diamond, T. Hart, Wm. A.
Hilton, M. M. Kling, Robert M. (2)
McKay, Wm. Petro, W. V.
Rose, Abe

LADIES' LIST.

Cardiff, Miss Sadie Grey, Mrs. Fannie
McCollough, Oris

One cent will be charged for all advertised letters.

Persons calling for the above will please say "advertised" giving date.
RICHARD WARING, P. M.

Local Markets.

Butter good.....	15
Eggs, per doz.....	8
Hens.....	6
Ducks and geese.....	4
Turkeys per lb. alive.....	6
Potatoes per bu.....	30
Flour per 100 lbs.....	1.70 @ 1.90
Hogs per 100 lbs.....	4.50 @ 4.85
Cows per 100 lbs.....	2.25 @ 2.35
Steers per 100 lbs.....	3.10 @ 4.10
Sheep on foot.....	2.00 @ 4.50
Wheat No. 2.....	53 @ 55
Wheat No. 3.....	50 @ 53
Wheat No. 4.....	45 @ 50
Corn.....	25 @ 26
Rye.....	40
Oats.....	25 @ 26

BUTTER MARKET.

[Prices for creamery butter at points named for week ending today, Dickinson county price 14 cents less than New York; 14 cents less than Chicago.]

KANSAS CITY—Fancy separator 100, dairy, factory 18c.

CHICAGO—Creamery 18 @ 22, dairy 16 @ 20c, steady.

NEW YORK—Western creamery 18 to 21c, steady.

Use Coke dandruff cure, warranted to be as stated. For sale at Holt's barber shop.

Why The Farmers of Kansas Should Insure Their Crops in the Farmers Mutual Hail Association :

FIRST: Because it is a purely mutual company, organized under the laws of the State of Kansas, for mutual protection to the farmer.

SECOND: Because this Association furnishes insurance at actual cost to its members, thus avoiding the high rates of insurance charged by other companies.

THIRD: Because we have deposited securities to the amount of \$10,000 for your protection with the State Insurance Commissioner.

FOURTH: Because a large number of the leading farmers throughout the state are banded together for the purpose of aiding those who have the misfortune of losing their crops by hail.

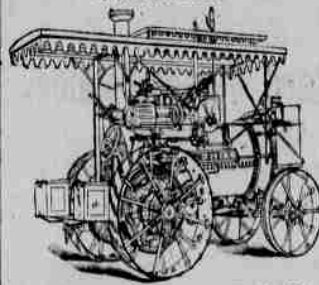
FIFTH: Because you are aware of the fact that Farmers Mutual Insurance companies are a success, and should you sustain a loss are sure to receive the full amount of your damage.

FARMERS' MUTUAL HAIL ASSOCIATION, TOPEKA, KAS.

P. J. BYRNE, Agent, Abilene.

The New Huber Traction Engine

5,000 IN USE.



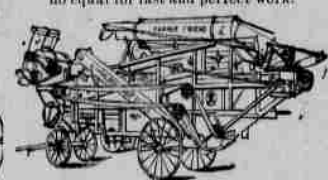
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Noted for its SIMPLICITY and DURABILITY. One built operates the entire separator. Lightest running Wind Stacker made.

In 1893, the first year of President Cleveland's second term, there were 598 bank failures in the United States with liabilities of \$170,295,678, as compared with 105 bank failures and only \$20,694,509 of liabilities in 1897. President McKinley's first year as president. In 1896, Mr. Cleveland's last year of office, there were 197 bank failures, with liabilities of \$56,679,370. Last year, 1899, there were only 37 such failures, the liabilities being \$24,504,570. In the first three years of Cleveland there were 255 failures annually with annual average liabilities of \$65,900,000; in the first three years of McKinley 64 with \$20,400,000 liabilities. It is going to be hard work to convince the bank depositors of this country that we need another national Democratic administration.

For sale, fine two year old, high grade Hereford bull. Charles Young, Abilene. 31-11

At Beattie, Kansas, last year a ticket was elected made up entirely of women. The new officials took their places and proceeded to business. They closed every saloon, joint and back room drug store in the place. They did many other things, among them being the stopping of spitting on the sidewalks and smoking where women could see them at it. Whether or not corsets were prohibited or high heeled shoes banished, the record does not say. It seems, however that the prohibitive ordinances were all directed at the men. The men bided their time, and when election day rolled around they declared war. They put up a straight whiskey, tobacco, smoking, spitting ticket and ran it openly against the one renominated. The men won and will now open up their saloons, smoke in church if they want to, and spit on the parlor carpet if the notion takes them. And they will probably be very wicked. Men always are when women sit on them for a year.

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" Overalls,
" Work Gloves,
" Dress Shirts,
Boys' Shirts,
" Overalls

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